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In re Application of:
SCHIEHLEN, MATTHIAS
Application Serial No.: 10/573,429
Filed: December 11, 2006
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACQUIRING
DATA FROM MACHINE-READABLE
DOCUMENTS**

DECISION
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 25, 2008, which is treated as a petition to envoke the supervisory authority of the Director in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.181.

The petition is **Dismissed**.

Applicant requests the accompanying amendment with this petition, inserting reference to a claim for priority into the specification, be entered and the application undergo accelerated examination.

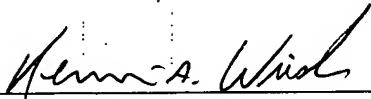
MPEP §1893.03(c), The Priority Date, Priority Claim, and Priority Papers for a U.S. National Stage Application, states in part:...

*Note: a national stage application submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371 may not claim benefit of the filing date of the international application of which it is the national stage since its filing date is the **>international filing date of the< international application. See also MPEP § 1893.03(b). Stated differently, since the international application is not an earlier application (it has the same filing date as the national stage), a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 in the national stage to the international application is inappropriate and may result in the submission being treated as an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). See MPEP § 1893.03(a). Accordingly, it is not necessary for the applicant to amend the first sentence(s) of the specification to reference the international application number that was used to identify the application during international processing of the application by the international authorities prior to commencement of the national stage.*

A review of the record reveals that the application was granted national stage status under 35 U.S.C. 371 as evidenced by the notice of acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 letter mailed on May 24, 2007. Therefore, the petition to enter the amendment to the specification to correct formality is dismissed as unnecessary.

Petitioner further requests application to undergo accelerated examination. Upon further review of the record reveals that there are no papers or petitions to make special filed in accordance with MPEP 708.02(a). Therefore, the petition to have the application undergo accelerated examination is dismissed.

The amendment to the specification filed September 25, 2008 will be considered in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 during the regular course of prosecution.

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